plorations are unmanned scientific studies.

(c) Does not arise.

Fire at Central Ordnance Depot, Jabalpur

1043. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether clear evidence of terrorists have come in light in sabotaging the Central Ordnance Depot, Jabalpur on March 23, 1988;

(b) if so, whether any further investigations have since been made to find out the exact cause of sabotage; and

(c) by when the committee appointed by Government to probe the circumstances will submit its report and what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) There was no immediate evidence of sabotage by terrorists.

(b) A Court of Inquiry has already been ordered to ascertain the cause of fire and to go into other important aspects of the incident. Another investigating agency has also gone into the matter.

(c) The Inquiry is likely to be completed during this month and the report is expected thereafter. Further action will depend on report of the Court of Inquiry.

Meeting between Indian and Sri Lankan Prime Minister

1044. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka visited India in April this year and held discussions with the Prime Minister;

(b) if so, what was the nature of discussions held between the two Prime Ministers and the decision taken thereon;

(c) whether Government have taken exception to the press note issued by the Sri Lankan High Commission in India regarding the meeting; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister of Sri Lanka visited India in April as the leader of the Sri Lankan delegation to the 11th session of the U.N. Commission on Human Settlements. During his stay in Delhi, he called on Prime Minister. As this was purely a courtesy call no official discussions were held or decisions taken on bilateral matters.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Government were surprised at the unilateral issue of a press release on informal exchanges during a private courtesy call on the Prime Minister. Further, the press release had quoted our Prime Minister selectively, out of context and inaccurately.

Passport to Win Chadha

1045. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a temporary passport for a limited period had been granted to Win Chadha to enable him to come to India and to appear before the Joint Committee of Parliament which was enquiring into Bofors deal;